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Officers Elected at Annual Meeting.

Moderator.

HORACE A. GODFREY.

Town Clerk.
CHARLES T. BROWN.

Selectmen.

John H. Gove, Levi T. Sanborn, T. Greenleaf Moulton.

Superintending School Committee.*

CHARLES H. SANBORN, CHARLES T. BROWN, WILLIAM A. CRAM.

Auditors.

THAYER S. SANBORN, EDWIN PRESCOTT, RUFUS C. SANBORN.

Collector.*

JOHN C. AKERMAN.

Representative.

DEAN R. TILTON.

^{*}Appointed by the Selectmen.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen in account current from March 3d, 1864, to March 6th, 1865, with the Town of Hampton Falls.

DR

DR.		
To balance brought forward,	\$245	54
Cash rec'd on Town Bonds and Notes,	7,710	00
First Instalment of National		
Bounty,	62	00
Second Instalment of National		
Bounty,	40	00
From State Treas., R. R. Tax,	1,164	93
" " State Aid,	714	00
" " Literary		
Fund,	32	48
From County Treas., allow-	ST.	
ance for paupers,	318	25
" J. C. Akerman, Col-		
lector of Taxes,	3,162	90
91	13,450	10
P. Contraction of the Contractio	יטידיטי	10

CR. [I.] By cash paid for State and County Tax, \$1,858 17 [II.] The support of schools, 582 48 [III.] 617 24 Support of the poor, IV. Roads and bridges, 20 18 Incidental and war expenses 9,515 77 VI. State aid, 816 00 VIÍ. Abatements, 27 37 Balance on hand, 12 89 \$13,450 10 I. \$1,350 00 Paid State tax, County tax, 508 17 \$1,858 17 II. SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS \$550 00 Appropriation, Received from State Treas., literary fund, 32 48

\$582 48

Paid J. Janvrin, Prud. Com. for 1st District,	\$264	16
J. C. Sanborn, " " 2d "	169	16
C. A. Hardy, " " 3d "	169	16
83: 10 Sales of the called the reds.		
	\$582	48
ridge man M. E. mredelder e 500	8. 19	
SUPPORT OF POOR.		
Paid L. Jenness for the support of Ruth Dow,		
1 year,	\$221	00
C. Hardy, for the support of H. E. Blake,	т	00
		00
1 year,	94	00
F.L.Blake, for the support of Mary Chase,	105	
1 year,	127	3
for the support of Isaiah Page,	17	53
" " " Transient Paupers,	5	55
" " " E. Mower and Family,	53	16
Expense during last sickness of Mrs. A.		
E. Fisher,	87	00
J. C. Gove on account of sickness of Mrs.		
C. Henderson,	54	00
The state of the s		
	\$617	24
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IV.		

The Highway Surveyors' Books not being all returned, we are unable to make a statement of the amount remaining unworked.

Paid W. B. Pervear, for work on the road near crank R, \$2 50

Paid L. Jenness, for gravel used on the Highway,		50
J.H.Gove, for plank and labor on Perkin's		
Bridge and Bridge near B. Hardy's,	9	68
Warren Brown, for plank and labor on		
Bridge near M. E. Batchelder's,	7	50
	\$20	18
[V.]		-
INCIDENTAL AND WAR EXPENSES	S.	
Paid Dr. C. H. Sanborn, Agent for filling the		
quota of the town,	3,325	00
Frank P. Cram, town bounty,	300	00
Dr. C. H. Sanborn, Attorney, town		
bounty for S. L. Pervear,	300	00
Nathan Brown, Attorney, town bounty		
for H. McDevitt,	300	00
C. C. Gove, Attorney, town bounty for		
Benjamin Brown,	300	00
Warren Brown's note and interest,	280	11
And endorsed on note of S. O. Pervear	50	00
" Int. " " " " "	33	00
J. C. Akerman for the use of Academy		
Hall,	20	00
T. Brown for the use of the Christian		
Chapel,	12	00
W. Brown for plows broken upon the		
highway	9	75

Paid A. J. Sanborn for damage to carriage		
and harness,	\$5	00
A. Mudge & Son for printing Town Re-		
port, 1863-4,	24	00
C. W. Brewster & Son for printing		
Blank Inventories,	3	00
For stationery and blank books,	11	55
J. W. Dodge, expense of Auditors,		
1863–4,	3	00
J. W. Dodge, State aid not charged,		
1863–4,	48	00
Ira Blake for surveying,	1	50
William P. Moulton, for surveying,	1	00
E. Batchelder's note and interest,	182	58
Town bonds,	700	00
Interest on town bonds,	315	00
" " temporary loans,	10	61
J. Brown for bound-stone cor. of H. F.		
& Kensington,	10	60
Town Clerk of Rye,		25
Revenue Stamps,	3	35
Postage "		75
Concord Express,		50
Morrill & Silsby's Bill,	7	50
Sup't School Com. services 1864-5,	15	00
C. T. Brown, services and stationery,	18	00
T. M. Prescott's Bill,	1	50
John C. Akerman, for collecting taxes,	35	00
Non-resident Highway tax, worked,	11	82

Paid L. T. Sanborn, for doing Town business		
and expenses,	\$45	00
" perambulating Town lines,	9	00
T. G. Moulton, doing Town business,	34	00
" perambulating Town line,	.01	00
J. H. Gove, for doing Town business		
and expenses, and should be a second state of the second state of	65	00
" perambulating Town lines		
and making returns,	12	00
" for paying State Aid and		
making returns,	20	00
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[VII.]		
ABATEMENT.		
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Paid T. Brown for poll tax,	\$2	52 28
Paid T. Brown for poll tax, Geo. Moulton, for cow and sheep lost,		
Paid T. Brown for poll tax, Geo. Moulton, for cow and sheep lost, J. Page, poll tax for 1862,	1	28
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Paid T. Brown for poll tax, Geo. Moulton, for cow and sheep lost, J. Page, poll tax for 1862, Nancy Tilton, money not taxable, L. B. Brown, for marsh not owned, N. S. Payne, poll tax,	1 2 2 2	28 30 98 86
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State Aid Paid to Families of Volunteers.

John C. Kenison, the room But will	\$1	44
Benjamin Brown, and	1	44
Samuel H. Dearborn, A.	1	44
Charles W. Durgin,		96
Sylvester O. Pervear,		48
Sewell B. Pervear,		96
David Creighton,		70
John E. Williams,		74
State aid paid for 1 year, ending March 6, 1865,	\$8	16
" " Due from the State April 28, 1864,	7	14
" " paid since, April 28, 1864,	7	04

TOWN DEBT.

The estimated indebtedness of the Town is as follows:

Cash received on notes and bonds,	\$7,710	00
Interest to March 1st, 1865,	235	56
From the report last year,	9,000	00
Interest one year,	450	00
Paid the present year, interest and principal,	\$17,395 1,571 \$15,824	22

JOHN H. GOVE,
LEVI T. SANBORN,
T. GREENLEAF MOULTON,

Selectmen
of
Hampton Falls.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the subscribers, have this day examined the Selectmen's accounts for the year ending March 6, 1865, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and a balance in the Selectmen's hands of twelve dollars and eighty-nine cents, in the settlement of the usual town account and the war expenses; and that the Selectmen have advanced seven hundred and four dollars, State aid to soldiers and their families, which sum is now due the town from the State.

THAYER S. SANBORN, AUDITORS.

HAMPTON FALLS, March 6, 1865.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

AGREEABLE to law we submit the following report of the Schools in Hampton Falls.

As a whole the schools in the three Districts have been uncommonly successful; with one exception, nearly all we could wish.

DISTRICT NO. 1

Prudential Committee, JAMES JANVRIN.

This school, which last year was divided and placed in the care of two teachers, was this year united again and placed under the efficient instruction of Miss Martha A. Dow. This was Miss Dow's first experience as a teacher in this Town, and we take much pleasure in saying that her school was well managed, and under her care the scholars made good progress. We commend her to all as a competent and faithful teacher, and hope the District may be fortunate enough to secure her services hereafter.

The winter term of this school is not yet finished, and consequently the statistics for this term are not given.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, John C. Sanborn.

The summer term in this District was taught by Miss Florence E. Tilton. In the general deportment and thoroughness in the various branches of study, we think the school excelled any which we ever had the pleasure of visiting.

The winter term was taught by Miss Lydia A. Garland. Owing to adverse circumstances, the school this term was not what we wish it might have been. There was a manifest want of interest in school, hence the deportment was not good, and there was a want of thoroughness in the recitations. The scholars were very irregular in attendance, which acted as a constant drawback to the school.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, CHAS. A. HARDY.

This school was taught summer and winter by Miss A. Pike. Miss Pike fully sustained her reputation as a teacher, and the scholars have made good progress in their studies during the year.

There was more interest manifested in the school, both by teacher and scholars, in the winter than in the summer term and the progress by some of the pupils was very marked.

We recommend that the District secure the services of the same teacher the coming year, if possible.

"No school will do so well and so much under two or three different teachers in a year, as under the instruction of the same teacher, provided she possess the requisite qualifications for a teacher." What has been said of a single year, will apply equally well to a series of years.

In making suggestions for the welfare of the schools, we shall be brief. One thing which determines, in a great measure, the prosperity of a school, is regular attendance of scholars. To see to this, rests, in part, if not mainly, with parents and guardians. Nothing so wastes the time of the teacher, and destroys the interest of scholars, as irregularity of attendance. To encourage and insist upon this seems to be the duty of parents, if they would have the school prosperous.

Frequent visiting by the people in the district is a constant encouragement to teacher and scholars, for thereby they are made to feel that much is expected of them. Where there are few or no visitors, showing that there is little interest outside, discouragement creeps in. The teacher is prone to fall into a mere mechanical method of teaching, while the scholars grow negligent.

Many of the text-books used in our schools are far behind the present standard of books used in schools as far advanced as ours, and their great variety adds much to the labor of the teacher, and does not increase the interest of the scholars. In District No. 3 there is a deficiency in the number of books. Would it not be well for some action to be taken to put a uniform set of text-books in all our schools? And if necessary let the town appropriate a sufficient sum of money to defray the expenses of furnishing books to those who are not able or unwilling to furnish them.

We commend the example of the following scholars who were not absent a single half day during a term:

District No. 1, — Delilah F. Dow, Harriet Dodge, Jessie B. Dodge, Emma S. Bridge, Mary F. Gove, Mary E. Dow.

District No. 2, — Helen B. Tilton, Frank S. Green. District No. 3, — Addie C. Wiggin, John W. Chase, Edwin A. Jenness.

The following Table shows the General Statistics of the Schools.

		trict	District No. II.		District No. III.	
	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.
No. of Weeks of School,	24		18	8	24	10
Wages of Teacher per month,	\$20		\$20	\$32	\$17	\$17
Whole number of scholars,	48		16	17	21	16
Average attendance,	381	The same	1113	12	15	111
No. of scholars not absent one-half day,	6		1	1	1	2
No. of visits by citizens and others,	53		34	11	27	12
No. of visits by Superintend. School Com.,	6		3	4	4	4

Whole number of scholars in town attending in summer, 85.

C. H. SANBORN, Superintending W. A. CRAM, School Committee.

Hampton Falls, March 4, 1865.





